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## Runs Away Down Hill;

### Collar Bone Broken.

Mrs. Olivia French, son and daughter, of Montgomery county, while on their road to Stanton driving a horse in buggy Monday came near having serious results on the hill this side of Everett Burns', about two miles from this city. As the party started down this hill, the backing strap broke which allowed the buggy to crowd upon the horse which began kicking until he had broken the cross piece from the buggy, and began running down the hill. When near the foot of the hill the buggy was overturned, the occupants thrown out and the top of the buggy demolished. The girl sustained a broken collar bone.

A few minutes after the accident, John Eaton came along in his automobile when he, good Samaritan like, picked up the stranded trio and rushed them to their home at Levee, where Dr. See attended the injured girl.

### Big Democratic Gains.

The registration returns in Louisville show 28,280 Democrats; 18,303 Republicans; 4,382 Independents and Progressives. This is 9,907 more Democrats than Republicans and 5,503 more Democrats than all others, which makes it pretty safe to say that Louisville at least will go Democratic in November. Other Kentucky cities show a similar result. The Sun in giving the registration of Winchester discloses the fact that only 121 white men registered as Republicans, while 549 negroes registered as members of the G. O. P. There are 887 registered Democrats which gives Winchester a handsome majority for the Democrats.

### Sales Galore.

In this issue of The Times W. L. Byrd, of Spout Spring, is advertising his public sale at that place Oct. 21. S. R. Curtis, administrator of the estate of Thos. Curtis, will have a sale on the premises of the deceased Oct. 14, at 10 o'clock a. m., and Benjamin Sewell in the same neighborhood will have a sale on the same date of the administrator's sale, but it will be held in the afternoon beginning at one o'clock, so persons can attend both sales the same day.

### Arbor Day.

November 10 has been designated as Arbor Day in Kentucky. Gov. Stanley will issue a proclamation calling for its general observance and, following the proclamation, State Supt. V. O. Gilbert will send out programs for its observance by the schools. State Forester J. E. Barton is planning observance of the day on the capitol grounds, where Gov. Stanley will plant a tree. School-children of Frankfort will participate in the exercises.

### L. & N. Earnings 20 per Cent.

Nearly 20 per cent. was earned on the capital stock of the Louisville & Nashville railroad during the past year, according to the annual report made public. The gross earnings were \$60,317,908.

## Another Session of

### Moonlight Schools.

Moonlight schools will open in many counties next Monday evening, Oct. 9th, for a six weeks' term. Those counties that could not begin with the September session, will start with this session, and some of those that began in August will have a second term beginning with October 9th. The Kentucky Illiteracy Commission, Frankfort, Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart, President, furnishes books, tablets, &c., and all information.

A prize trip to Washington is to be given by Kentucky's Senators and Congressmen to the moonlight school teacher who teaches the largest number to read and write in his school, including, also, the largest enrollment and best attendance. Credits are given by the two State Normals on all of their courses to those teachers who teach a full six weeks' term of moonlight schools. Twenty-five thousand emancipated from illiteracy this year is the slogan for the State.

### November Court Deferred.

Judge Shackelford writes The Times that owing to some very important litigation of his own at Paris Nov. 20, the Powell Circuit Court will not convene at Stanton Nov. 20, which will be the date for the regular term, but will convene Nov. 27, one week later. All cases will be reassigned, and the Circuit Clerk, O. N. Crowe, will on the 20th, adjourn court until the 27th. All jurors will be summoned for the 27th.

### Large Apple Sale.

Mrs. Joseph Garrett has sold all the winter fruit on her farm at Furnace to Hodgkin & Fitch, of Winchester, for \$350. The apples are being gathered and hauled to this city this week for shipment. Drilling for oil is going on in this orchard at this time and a nice flow of oil was struck there yesterday.

### Moves to Irvine.

Franklin Margison is moving back to Irvine where he has a position as a salesman in a store. Mr. Margison has purchased a residence lot there and will build a nice home. We regret to lose such valuable citizens as Mr. and Mrs. Margison, but wish them unbounded success in the magic city of Irvine.

### Celebrates 18th Anniversary.

Quite a number of the young people attended the celebration of the eighteenth anniversary of Joel Mountz near the city last Friday night. Ice cream and cake were served and all spent an enjoyable time. Those present all joined in wishing Mr. Mountz many happy returns of September 29.

### Advertising New Goods.

Hardwick and Company have an advertisement in this issue that should be read by every person who trades at Stanton. Their store is full of new goods that are bound to please, and the price is right, too.

## Timely Warning.

There are a number of grade railway crossings in Powell county. Several of them are very dangerous. Scores of people are being killed in the United States at just such crossings as we have in this county. Street cars in this state are not allowed to cross a railroad track until a motor-man goes in advance and looks both ways for trains. Then if none are coming in sight toward the crossing the street cars are allowed to pass. But with automobiles how different. They rush past a railway crossing soon as they can, many of them giving no apparent consideration for probable trains. Some day some persons are liable to be killed in Powell county as they are being killed in other counties. Better read the following warning of a railroad official and avoid such a possibility:

"Chicago, Sept. 10, 1916.

"To those who drive or ride in Automobiles:

"The constantly increasing number of automobile accidents at grade crossings prompts the issuance of this warning to all who own, drive or ride in automobiles to STOP, LOOK and LISTEN before passing over any railway grade crossing. Crossing gates, automatic warning bells, electric headlights and engine signals, if not heeded by those for whose protection they are intended, are unavailing. I will be glad to receive and consider suggestions intended to reduce automobile accidents at grade crossings, for the railroad is anxious to do its full part. However, if any person who owns, drives or rides in an automobile will STOP, LOOK and LISTEN at grade crossings, the danger will be entirely eliminated. T. J. Foley, "General Manager."

### A Substantial Invitation

The Fiscal Court of Montgomery county will improve their road next year from Levee on to the Powell line at head of Black creek. This means a substantial invitation to our county to meet them there. Will we do it? This road is one promised improvement before the bonds were voted, and according to an equal apportionment will get \$1,111 per mile. This added to what subscription can be raised on this road and at Mt. Sterling, we believe will build a good gravel road over this route, owing to the convenience of material along the road. We are for it.

### Bro. Matherly With Us

Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Matherly, of Richmond, are in the city visiting old friends and attending the series of meetings at the Christian church. It will be remembered that Rev. Matherly was formerly pastor of this church and his many friends are glad to see him again.

John M. Todd, of Clark county, spent Friday night with his brother, P. D. Todd, two miles south of town and was incidentally looking out for the purchase of some yearling cattle a little later.

## STANTON.

(By P. O. Derthick.)

Robert McNabb, of Nada, was here one day last week.

Miss May Hardwick, of Rosslyn, was here one day last week.

Asa Jones returned to his work at Middletown Ohio Sunday.

Guy Watson's father, from McRoberts, Ky., was here Sunday to visit him.

Billy Welch, the drummer, was here last week calling on his many friends and relatives.

Miss Lois Johnson returned home with her niece, Alma McNabb, at Nada for over Sunday.

Mrs. Mollie Woodward and her niece, Miss Margaret Mansfield, left for Florida to spend the winter.

Mrs. Fred Blackburn left for Winchester Wednesday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Prewitt.

Virgle Frazier, who has been at Middletown, O., for several months, is home shaking hands with the many boys.

Miss Anna Welch has returned from a visit of a week at Beattyville with her sister, Mrs. Brownlow Thompson.

Fred Blackburn left Monday for Louisville on business with the State Board of Agriculture and Agriculture Extension Committee Friday.

The writer returned Tuesday night from Breathitt county and so news is scarce this week. Please send in your items of interest. They will be appreciated.

Ben Willoughby went to the Bridge Sunday to see his son, Hobert, who came down on the excursion. He reports that it is a mistake about Hobert being married so far as he could find out.

Fred Ware and Walter Thacker have moved their families to the house of Robert Blackburn. Mrs. Robert Blackburn and her sister, Miss Minnie Conlee, have taken charge of the hotel. With these two in charge we predict that they will continue the splendid patronage that Fred Ware built up.

The writer has visited many schools in Eastern Kentucky but the finest school ever visited was the one taught by Prof. Ringo on East Ferk of Slate in Menefee county. It would pay every teacher in Powell county to visit that school and see what can be done by a teacher who really teaches. From the minute the writer stepped into the room there was not a whisper heard and during the two hours he was there there was hardly a noise heard but every pupil was busy studying his or her lesson. Not a pupil left the room nor did they keep going up to the teacher asking questions or wanting to know what this or that word was. There was perfect order everywhere. But the best part of the school was in the reciting of their lessons. It was wonderful the way those second grade pupils read from their readers. They never stumbled on a word, nor did they read in a sing song tone as a majority of children do. They gave the right emphasis and inflection on every word. If the right inflection

## Fiscal Court Meets.

The Powell Fiscal Court met at its stated October meeting Tuesday. All members of the court were present, and the allowance of claims was taken up. A number of these were passed upon by the Court in the forenoon. In the afternoon the court was busy making settlements with various officers. The road question was not entered into, as an early decision of the Court of Appeals upon the question of the legality of a road commission in the county is expected, so the matter was deferred until such decision could be had. The case which has been appealed we learn has been set for a hearing by the Court of Appeals October 12. Soon after this date the Fiscal Court will come together again and take up its unfinished business, and the road business also, provided the decision of Judge Shackelford to the effect that a road commission in Powell is illegal, is upheld by the Court of Appeals.

was not given the first reading, the teacher made them read it over until they did bring out the right one. It was a delight to hear the several grades read. The higher the grade, the more improvement there was. And such writing as those pupils did. Every word was written on the board neatly, no zigzagging up and down, but every letter symmetrical and the right height. Why, they could beat a majority of the older students to-day in our colleges in writing. The room was clean and neat, no papers scattered over the room, every book in place, every pupil taking pride in the order and looks of the room. Is it any wonder that this teacher has no trouble in having a room full of children. And how they love that teacher. Strict he is, but they appreciate his strictness. And the patrons of that district appreciate Prof. Ringo so much that each patron pays him one dollar extra that he may teach their school. If they had to give him five dollars or ten dollars extra, it would pay them in big returns. Prof. Ringo seldom if ever uses the switch. Again the writer says it would pay every teacher in Powell county to take a trip over there and visit that school. The writer does not intend to cast reflections on our teachers in our own county but at the same time there is wide room for improvement in many of our schools. Go into many schools and there is a whispering and buzzing sound all over the room. The pupils are noisy, very often going in and out of the room from morning till night, going up to the teacher continually and asking what this or that word is, or asking permission to leave the room, to speak to another pupil or to get a drink of water. Papers are scattered all over the room; books all over the desk. The children read in a sing song tone and do not bring out the right inflections, and meaning to the words and often the teacher never corrects them. Some may think the writer is rather severe in this article but if you will go with him to some schools he has visited, he thinks he can prove to you that he has not told it all yet.